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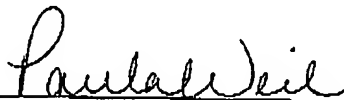
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	Filing Date	October 17, 2003
	First Named Inventor	Zwalinski, David T.
	Art Unit	3634
	Examiner Name	Strimbu, Gregory J.
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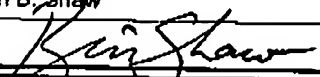
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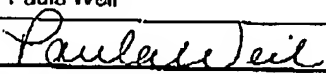
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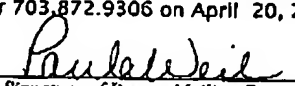
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